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POLO, MO., MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO MANUFACTURING METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Polo, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to manufacturing methamphetamine.

Kenneth L. Richey, 51, of Polo, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Richey** admitted that he manufactured five grams or more of methamphetamine on Feb. 5, 2004.

Under federal law, **Richey** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million.

Richey was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Aug. 10, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph M. Marquez. The case was investigated by the North Central, Mo., Drug Task Force and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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